

February 9, 1988

Dear Kalo:

Thanks for sending along your follow-up report on last October's events. The work of the CFTC, along with the various other studies, is being evaluated throughout the Administration. It is my hope that over the next several weeks we will be in a position to present several options to the President for his consideration and ultimately recommend any needed regulatory or legislative changes.

I look forward to working with you and the Commission as we continue to sort this out and respond both to any systemic changes that are warranted as well as the anticipated congressional reaction.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Kalo A. Hineman  
Acting Chairman  
Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
2033 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20581

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB  
cc: Dan Crippen

February 9, 1988

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your kind words prior to the holidays. Like you, I had hoped we could achieve more, but this budget agreement is better than any of the alternatives. All the parties to the deal will have to be especially diligent to see that the second year is carried out. We will also look for opportunities to improve on our work.

As you know, "the reconciliation bill contained a provision establishing a National Economic Commission. While I have some concerns about its structure and possible impact on the election, perhaps it can be constituted in a way that will prove useful. Carol Cox has recommended that the President consider you for appointment, and I've had your name added to our list of candidates.

Unfortunately, the President has only two appointments (compared to 10 for the Congress). It will be very difficult to select only two from a very distinguished roster of possible appointees. However, I will make sure that you receive every consideration when the President makes his decision.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Robert D. Kilpatrick  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
CIGNA Corporation  
One Logan Square  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB  
cc: Dan Crippen

February 9, 1988

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Thank you for the very beautiful cloisonne bowl. I am delighted to accept your kind gesture, which so warmly conveys the spirit and goodwill of the Japanese people. As President Reagan said, your historic visit to our country reaffirmed U.S.-Japanese cooperation as allies and partners in the search for global peace and prosperity. I'll treasure your gift as a sign of that partnership and as a pleasant remembrance of your time in our capital city. -

Again, thank you.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

His Excellency  
Noboru Takeshita  
Prime Minister of Japan  
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Tokyo  
Japan

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

February 9, 1988

Dear Ms. McClure:

Thank you for your letter to Senator Baker requesting a letter of recommendation.

As a matter of longstanding policy, Senator Baker does not issue letters of recommendation for those with whom he is not personally acquainted. I hope you will understand the need for this policy.

However, you have the Senator's best wishes for success in the Ronald Reagan Scholarship competition.

Sincerely,

Sue Walkup  
Special Assistant  
to the Chief of Staff

Ms. Stephanie A. McClure  
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Pigeon Forge, TN 37863

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

February 9, 1988

Dear Mr. Gilsey:

Thank you for your letter of January 12. I understand your concern over the apparent effect of the relatively new investment strategies and instruments. The report of the Brady Task Force highlighted the impact these mechanisms can have on the market.

We are in the process of reviewing the various studies and reports that have recently become available, and we are consulting with a broad spectrum of the participants in the financial markets as well. I expect that over the next several weeks we will present a number of options to the President for his consideration and ultimately propose appropriate regulatory or legislative remedies. I especially appreciate having your timely views as we proceed.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Peter Ladd Gilsey  
President  
Potomac Asset Management, Inc.  
Suite 5  
5247 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20015

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

February 9, 1988

Dear Mr. Binkley:

Thank you for your letter and for sharing your concerns with me.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to officials at the Department of Housing and Urban Development. You may expect to receive a response from them directly.

It was good to hear from you.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. LeVaughn Binkley  
Post Office Box 38  
Spencer, TN 38585

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cc: Berraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB  
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February 9, 1988

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Dear Mr. Davis:

Thank you for your kind gesture in sending me the beautiful framed drawing. I appreciate your thinking of me.

Please accept my warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. David Davis

Shoreham, VT 05770

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

(Gift is in the Gift Unit)

February 9, 1988

Dear Steve:

Thanks so much for your kind invitation to attend The Business Council Dinner on February 24 at the Department of State.

I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness, but the demands of my schedule will not permit me to join you on this special occasion. Nevertheless, please accept my warm best wishes for a most enjoyable evening.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. S. D. Bechtel, Jr.  
Chairman  
The Business Council  
888 17th Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20006

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

February 9, 1988

Dear Carol:

Thank you for your letter recommending Bob Kilpatrick to serve on the National Economic Commission. I have directed that his name be placed on our list of potential appointees. As you are probably aware, I have met with Bob on several occasions and have a high regard for him. I think he would be a very valuable member of the Commission.

As you know, the President has only two appointments (compared to 10 for the Congress). It will be very difficult to select only two from a very distinguished roster of possible appointees. However, I will make sure that the President is aware of your recommendation, and that Bob receives every consideration when a decision is made.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Ms. Carol G. Cox  
Carol Cox and Associates  
220 E Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20002

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

February 9, 1988

Dear George:

Thank you for your letter recommending Paul Craig Roberts for service on the National Economic Commission. I have directed that his name be placed on our list of potential appointees. The President and I share your concerns that this Commission may do more harm than good by generating election issues and ultimately advocating unwise policies. We are attempting to minimize these possibilities by consulting closely with Bob Dole and Bob Michel on their appointments and the appropriate conduct of the Commission this year.

Unfortunately, the President has only two appointments (compared to 10 for the Congress). It will be very difficult to select only two from a very distinguished roster of possible appointees. However, I will make sure that the President is aware of your recommendation, and that it receives every consideration when he makes his decision.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. George Champion  
1211 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, New York 10036

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cc: Dan Crippen

February 9, 1988

Dear John:

It was good to hear from you. I appreciate your interest in working on the National Economic Commission and have placed your name on our list of potential appointees. I agree with you that a representative from the small business community would be a natural appointment for the President and a valuable voice on the Commission.

As you know, the President has only two appointments (compared to 10 for the Congress). It will be very difficult to select only two from a very distinguished roster of possible appointees. However, I will make sure that the President is aware of your interest, and that you receive every consideration when he makes his decision.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable John Sloan, Jr.  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
National Federation of Independent Business  
Suite 700  
600 Maryland Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20024

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB  
cc: ~~Dan Crippen~~

February 9, 1988

Dear Howard:

From one Howard to another -- I'm delighted to wish you a wonderful 50th birthday celebration. I'm sorry I could not be with you and want to add my name to the long list of your many friends gathered for your birthday "extravaganza." May the years ahead bring you nothing but the best.

Happy Birthday!

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Howard Wilkins  
Post Office Box 2817  
Wichita, KS 67201

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

February 10, 1988

Dear Mr. Beatty:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of the Education Fund of the Council for a Livable World concerning steps the next administration could take regarding arms control. While my schedule will not accommodate the interview you requested, I would like to share with you some of my thoughts about arms control.

Arms reduction negotiations have been a key element in this Administration's strategy to build a safer peace and ensure the security of the United States and its allies. The President has been steadfastly committed to achieving real arms reductions, rather than merely limiting increases, as in previous treaties. The INF Treaty, which will eliminate an entire class of U.S. and Soviet intermediate-range nuclear missiles, is a direct consequence of the President's commitment.

I believe any future administration would do well to remember the clearest lesson of these INF negotiations -- we can bargain with the Soviet Union only from a position of military strength. It was only after we had demonstrated to the Soviets the Alliance's cohesion, political will, patience, and determination to follow through with our own INF deployments that the Soviets got down to serious negotiations. Arms reduction, therefore, cannot become an end in itself, but, when combined with military strength and determination to defend ourselves, can be a key element in a successful strategy to enhance the security of the United States and our allies.

As important and historic as the INF Treaty is, the United States places highest priority on its efforts to reach an equitable and effectively verifiable agreement with the Soviet Union for deep reductions in U.S. and Soviet strategic nuclear arms (START). At the Washington summit, the President and General Secretary Gorbachev agreed to instruct their negotiators in Geneva to work as expeditiously as possible toward the completion of a treaty to reduce strategic offensive arms by fifty percent.

In addition to the Administration's efforts on INF and START, the United States will continue discussions with the Soviet Union on a number of other arms control issues, including defense and space, nuclear testing, chemical weapons, and conventional forces. Our "Hotline" upgrade and agreement to establish the nuclear risk reduction centers in Washington and Moscow are also part of the U.S. effort to enhance stability and reduce the risk of conflict.

This Administration also is firmly committed to the Strategic Defense Initiative, a research, development and testing program designed to demonstrate the feasibility for the United States and our allies of effective defenses against ballistic missiles. The Strategic Defense Initiative represents our search for a safer and morally preferable means to deter war, by increasing reliance on defenses -- which threaten no one -- to enhance our security. The President has made clear that SDI is not a bargaining chip in our negotiations with the Soviet Union; it is the path to a safer future.

Through the efforts I have outlined, we seek to reduce the risk of war and build a safer and more stable peace. I am confident that the President will continue to enjoy success in achieving this goal. He will leave the succeeding administration a firm conceptual and practical foundation in arms control upon which to build.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

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Senior Editor  
The Atlantic  
8 Arlington Street  
Boston, MA 02116

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

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February 11, 1988

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Thank you for your letter to Senator Baker inviting him to participate in the Executive Seminar sponsored by the Central Bank of the South in Vancouver next September.

I hope you'll understand that a definite answer this far in advance is not possible. If you would like to send a follow-up invitation closer to the date of the event, we will be happy to give it every consideration.

With Senator Baker's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell  
Personal Assistant  
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. R. Waid Thompson  
Senior Vice President  
Correspondent Division  
Central Bank of the South  
Post Office Box 10566  
Birmingham, Alabama 35296

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, Room 61 OEOB

February 11, 1988

Dear Dr. Crowder:

Thank you for the inscribed copy of your book, Ideas That Built America. I'm happy to add your book to my personal library and look forward to reading it when my duties allow.

I appreciate your kind inscription and your thoughtfulness.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Dr. Daniel B. Crowder  
Mountain State Press  
The University of Charleston  
2300 MacCorkle Avenue, S.E.  
Charleston, WV 25304

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

February 11, 1988

Dear Gary:

It was good to hear from you. Senator Baker appreciates the invitation to address the meeting of the Public Affairs Assembly of the Food Marketing Institute, National-American Wholesale Grocers Association and the National Association of Convenience Stores here in Washington on February 29. However, a previous commitment out of the city on that day will make it impossible for him to accept, and I have so advised Anne McGhee by phone.

Please get in touch sometime when you are in Washington.

✓ Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell  
Personal Assistant  
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Gary L. Burhop  
Malone & Hyde, Inc.  
Post Office Box 1719  
Memphis, TN 38101

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

February 11, 1988

Dear Mr. Cobb:

Thank you for your letter of January 15 regarding your interest in helping Dr. Ella F. Filippone of your coalition find funding for participation in People-to-People exchange travel to China and Japan. It seems to be an excellent program.

I understand you have already contacted the U.S.-Japan Friendship Commission, a U.S. Government agency which funds exchanges, scholarly studies and other activities supportive of better U.S.-Japan relations. The Friendship Commission might be in a position to aid Dr. Filippone's travel to Japan, and I understand they are reviewing your request. There are numerous private Japanese foundations which could also be of assistance, and I hope you will not hesitate to contact those organizations as well.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Andrew L. Cobb  
Secretary to the Board  
Passaic River Coalition  
246 Madisonville Road  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

February 11, 1988

Dear Reverend Miser:

Thank you for your message and the material you enclosed.

It is always a pleasure to hear from the American people as I serve President Reagan and this great nation. I look forward with interest to reviewing the information you sent.

You have my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

The Reverend David R. Miser  
New Song Ministries  
2808 Rose Court  
Fairfield, CA 94533

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

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February 11, 1988

Dear Mr. Merrell:

Thank you for your message and the material you enclosed.

It is always a pleasure to hear from the American people as I serve President Reagan and this great nation. I look forward with interest to reviewing the information you sent.

You have my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. C. H. Merrell  
Route 13, Box 190  
Anderson, SC 29624

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

February 11, 1988

Dear Mr. Orvis:

Thank you for your thoughtful message. I appreciate your support, but I have no regrets about not running for office this year. I'm happy to serve President Reagan as he completes his term.

Your words of friendship mean a great deal to me. Please accept my warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Larry G. Orvis  
Post Office Box 230  
Herman, Nebraska 68029

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

February 11, 1988

Dear Dr. Van Wagnen:

Thank you for your thoughtful message. I appreciate your support, but I have no regrets about not running for office this year. I'm happy to serve President Reagan as he completes his term.

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Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Lynn C. Van Wagnen, M.D.  
1310 Greenwood Avenue  
Jackson, Michigan 49203

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February 11, 1988

Dear Mr. Bennett:

Thank you for your thoughtful message. I appreciate your support, but I have no regrets about not running for office this year. I'm happy to serve President Reagan as he completes his term.

Your words of friendship mean a great deal to me. Please accept my warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Leslie M. Bennett  
1647 Pagel  
Lincoln Park, MI 48146

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

February 11, 1988

Dear Mr. Lusk:

Thank you for your message recommending Thomas Olson and John Dean for appointment to the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation.

I appreciate hearing from you, and I have forwarded your recommendation to the Office of Presidential Personnel. Please be assured that Mr. Olson and Mr. Dean will receive every consideration for this important post.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Charles R. Lusk  
President and CEO  
Rossville Bank  
Post Office Box 638  
Rossville, GA 30741

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB  
cc: Katja Bullock w/incoming

February 11, 1988

Dear Mr. Schwarz:

Thank you for your thoughtful message. Your kind words of support and encouragement mean a great deal to me.

You have my warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Edwin Schwarz  
44 Colony Avenue  
Warwick, RI 02886

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February 11, 1988

Dear Mr. Gerzsenyi:

Thank you for your thoughtful message. Your kind words of support and encouragement mean a great deal to me.

You have my warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Bryan Gerzsenyi  
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28561 Front Street  
Temecula, CA 92390

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February 12, 1988

Dear Dr. Rodriguez:

The President greatly appreciates the support that the Hispanic community has given him. He feels a real kinship with your community, and for a simple reason -- here is an alliance based not on convenience but on values.

This is a point worth elaborating. Many of the values and principles that the Hispanic community embodies in its daily life -- values such as pride in family, the work ethic, and love of God and country -- are precisely the ideas that President Reagan came to Washington to promote. They are at the heart of the President's social and domestic policy agenda, under the guidance of the White House Office of Policy Development.

Further, as you are aware, this Administration endorses the idea that people should be judged not on the basis of their skin color or race, but on their individual merit. We are working toward an ideal that I am sure the Hispanic community shares -- an America where all men, created equal and endowed by their creator with inalienable rights, can live without the prejudice and favoritism that diminish and divide us.

Gary Bauer, Assistant to the President for Policy Development, with whom I have shared this letter, has expressed interest in meeting representatives of your group to discuss shared goals and interests. I will have his office contact you shortly to see if a meeting can be arranged.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Rene F. Rodriguez, M.D.  
President  
Interamerican College of  
Physicians and Surgeons  
299 Madison Avenue, Suite 400  
New York, NY 10017

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB  
Gary Bauer w/copy of incoming, WW

February 12, 1988

Dear Dr. Delgado:

The President greatly appreciates the support that the Hispanic community has given him. He feels a real kinship with your community, and for a simple reason -- here is an alliance based not on convenience but on values.

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Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Dr. Jane L. Delgado  
President  
The National Coalition of Hispanic Health  
and Human Services Organizations  
1020 15th Street, N.W., Suite 1053  
Washington, DC 20005

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Gary Bauer w/copy of incoming, WW

February 12, 1988

Dear Mr. Franco:

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Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Edward J. Franco  
President  
National SER Jobs for Progress, Inc.  
1355 River Bend Drive, Suite 350  
Dallas, TX 75247

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Gary Bauer w/copy of incoming, WW

February 12, 1988

Dear Jim:

Thank you for your letter of January 4 regarding your desire to have a ship named in honor of General Clifton B. Cates, United States Marine Corps.

Your suggestion is an excellent one; General Cates served the United States Marine Corps and the nation with great distinction. As you may know, the Arleigh Burke class guided-missile destroyers (DDG 51s) are being named for individuals. DDG 51 is now under construction and additional guided-missile destroyers are planned for future acquisition. Because the Secretary of the Navy is responsible for the naming of ships, I have forwarded a copy of your letter to Secretary Webb. Your fine suggestion will be given every consideration when the time comes to select names for this class of ship.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable James M. Henry  
Member of the House of Representatives  
of the State of Tennessee  
Nashville, TN 37219

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whcc and copy of incoming to:  
The Honorable James H. Webb, Jr.  
Secretary of the Navy  
Washington, DC 20350

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 12, 1988

Dear Jim:

Thank you for your letter recommending Dr. H. Victor Braren for reappointment to the National Cancer Advisory Board.

Arthur B. Culvahouse, Jr., Counsel to the President, tells me that the law passed by Congress which established the Board does not provide for reappointment of an individual who has served a full six-year term. If I find that that situation changes in the future I will let you know, but for the moment it does not look promising.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable James M. Henry  
State Party Chairman  
Tennessee Republican Party  
2817 West End Avenue  
Nashville, TN 37203

February 12, 1988

Dear Mr. Katz:

Thank you for your letter of December 17 inviting me to meet with the Council on French Investment in the U.S.

I would be happy to meet briefly with the group. I would suggest that after a few introductory remarks on my part, I turn the meeting over to Dan Crippen, Deputy Assistant to the President, and Stephen Danzansky, the NSC's Senior Director for International Economic Affairs. They will be able to address in greater detail our agenda in the economic area.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Julius Katz  
Chairman of the Board  
The Government Research  
Corporation  
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1250 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036

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cc: w/copy of incoming to Lura Nell Mitchell, First  
Floor, West Wing

February 12, 1988

Dear Mr. Lago:

The President greatly appreciates the support that the Hispanic community has given him. He feels a real kinship with your community, and for a simple reason -- here is an alliance based not on convenience but on values.

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Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Armando M. Lago  
Chairman of the Board  
Ibero-American Chamber of Commerce  
2100 M Street, N.W., Suite 607  
Washington, DC 20037

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Gary Bauer w/copy of incoming, WW

February 12, 1988

Dear Tim:

Thanks for your note. So far, however, I haven't found any "down time" in this job! Hope things are going well for you at the Department of Interior. Again, thanks for thinking of Joy and me.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Tim Locke  
Director, Office of External Affairs  
Bureau of Land Management  
United States Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C. 20240

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

February 12, 1988

Dear Dr. Oldham:

Thank you for your letter of December 17, 1987, concerning the conduct of clinical research by companies in the private sector. I am not at all surprised by the results of the Wirthlin poll, given the strong desire of most Americans to see the conquest of cancer as soon as possible.

We are proud of the cancer research program at the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health. However, we recognize that the government can't do it all, and therefore that the private sector has an important role in basic research and in furthering its applications. To date, the principal contributions of the private sector have been in the area of technology development and dissemination built on the basic research efforts funded through the National Cancer Program.

I enjoyed reading your speech to the City Club of Cleveland. As you do, I agree with David Jones' statement: "You can't claim the moral high ground by assertion, you only claim that by performance." The performance of both the public and the private sectors will ultimately be judged by nothing less than our ability to solve the cancer problem.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Chief of Staff to the President

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Dear Joe:

Many thanks for your letter of January 5  
regarding the Council on French Investment  
in the U.S.

I will be pleased to meet with the Council  
and look forward to an interesting  
discussion.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Joe M. Rodgers  
American Ambassador  
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Dear Ms. Santana:

The President greatly appreciates the support that the Hispanic community has given him. He feels a real kinship with your community, and for a simple reason -- here is an alliance based not on convenience but on values.

This is a point worth elaborating. Many of the values and principles that the Hispanic community embodies in its daily life -- values such as pride in family, the work ethic, and love of God and country -- are precisely the ideas that President Reagan came to Washington to promote. They are at the heart of the President's social and domestic policy agenda, under the guidance of the White House Office of Policy Development.

Further, as you are aware, this Administration endorses the idea that people should be judged not on the basis of their skin color or race, but on their individual merit. We are working toward an ideal that I am sure the Hispanic community shares -- an America where all men, created equal and endowed by their creator with inalienable rights, can live without the prejudice and favoritism that diminish and divide us.

Gary Bauer, Assistant to the President for Policy Development, with whom I have shared this letter, has expressed interest in meeting representatives of your group to discuss shared goals and interests. I will have his office contact you shortly to see if a meeting can be arranged.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Chief of Staff to the President

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